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1. During the months of February and March 1952 approximately 241 cases of pocket flashlights, valued at 136,647 pesos, were imported by Colombia from China. The cargo was loaded in Hong Kong and unloaded at U. S. west coast and the Canal Zone ports, where it was transshipped on vessels sailing for Colombian ports. The shipper in all cases was either National Carbon (Eastern) Ltd., or Lieberman Waelchli. The importers are varied and scattered throughout the large cities of Colombia.
2. Although no direct shipments from Czechoslovakia to Colombia have been noted, there is evidence of consistent shipments being made from Hamburg, Germany, by a firm known as Czechoslovak Ceramics Ex. During February and March 1952 this company shipped heavy ceramics, such as bathroom and toilet fixtures, valued at approximately 87,462 pesos. Most of the shipments entered through Buenaventura, consigned to various importers located throughout Colombia.

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